

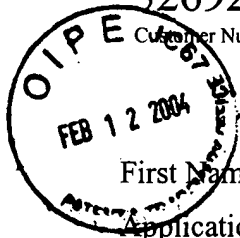
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First Named Inventor: LUNDIN, DAVID J.

Application No.: 09/479795

Group Art Unit: 3553

Filed: January 10, 2000

Examiner: Laura K. Tso

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Attached is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee for this amendment is computed as follows:

Claims As Amended							
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Total Claims	18	Minus	**	18	0	x \$18.00	\$0.00
Independent Claims	1	Minus	***	1	0	x \$86.00	\$0.00
Additional fee for filing one or more multiple dependent claims, if no such fee has been previously paid						\$290.00	
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Please charge to Deposit Account 13-3723 any fees under 37 CFR §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application. This authorization includes the fee for any extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) that may be necessary. To the extent any such extension should become necessary, it is hereby requested. One copy of this sheet marked duplicate is also enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the outstanding Office Action, mailed October 8, 2003, in the above-identified application.

A separate Petition for Extension Of Time Under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) and authorization to charge the extension of time fee to Assignee's deposit account is included with this Amendment.

Under the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.136(a), Applicant petitions to extend the period for filing a reply in the above-identified application. The requested extension and appropriate fee are as follows (check time period desired):

- ☒ 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(1) - Extension within first month
- ☐ 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(2) - Extension within second month
- ☐ 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(3) - Extension within third month
- ☐ 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(4) - Extension within fourth month.

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